

GENERAL ORDERS

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HEADQUARTERS  
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON, DC, 16 September 2004

## **ARMY NATIONAL CEMETERIES**

**1.** Effective 16 September 2004, the Army National Cemeteries Program is established as a Department of the Army civil works activity under the overall supervision of the Under Secretary of the Army. This program applies to the Arlington National Cemetery and the Soldiers' and Airmen's Home National Cemetery, which remain assigned to the Commander, Military District of Washington (MDW).

**2.** Responsibilities of Headquarters, Department of the Army Offices are stated below.

*a.* The Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) will formulate and oversee the program and budget for the Army National Cemeteries, including proposals for placement of memorials and monuments.

*b.* The Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) will formulate and oversee interment and inurnment policy for the Army National Cemeteries.

*c.* The Chief of Public Affairs will formulate and oversee the public affairs policy for the Army National Cemeteries.

*d.* The Commander, MDW will—

(1) Coordinate all official ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, including public wreath laying ceremonies and State funerals.

(2) Provide Army military honors for private memorial services and Army ceremonial support for the Army National Cemeteries, including the honor guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

*e.* The Superintendent of Arlington National Cemetery will—

(1) Oversee day-to-day execution of the Army National Cemeteries Program in accordance with applicable law and policy, including the administration, operation, and maintenance of the Army National Cemeteries.

(2) Be responsible for private ceremonies at the Army National Cemeteries, including funerals and memorial services for interment and inurnment and public ceremonies other than those official ceremonies assigned to the Commander, MDW.

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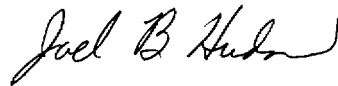
**3.** Matters involving areas of responsibility not assigned in this Order will be coordinated with all appropriate officials, and presented to the Secretary of the Army or Under Secretary of the Army for decision as appropriate.

[ASA(M&RA)]

By order of the Secretary of the Army:

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*General, United States Army*  
*Chief of Staff*

Official:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joel B. Hudson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joel" being the most prominent.

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